

#7A/RW

PATENT 02-25-03



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Charles Mark Ensor, et al.

Serial No.: 09/921,380

Group Art Unit: 1652

Filed: August 2, 2001

Examiner: Charles L. Patterson

For: PEG-MODIFIED URICASE

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.: EL 827241642 US
DATE OF DEPOSIT: February 11, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED

FEB 19 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action issued November 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, without prejudice.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 21, 22, and 39 to read as follows.

- A'
1. (Amended) A compound comprising uricase covalently bonded via a linking group to polyethylene glycol, wherein the polyethylene glycol has a total weight average molecular weight of about 15,000 to about 30,000, and wherein the linking group is selected from the group consisting of a succinimide group, an amide group, an imide group, a carbamate group,